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CAMP SAVAGE GIVES \$100 AS XMAS GIFT TO RIVERS

A \$100 Christmas gift contributed by men of Camp Savage "to make a happy Christmas for children in WRA centers" was received in Rivers this week from the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans in New York.

A letter from George E. Rundquist, executive secretary of the New York Committee, enclosed \$100 and explained the contribution. Rundquist writes:

"The source of these funds are contributions from the officers, civilian instructors, and enlisted men at Camp Savage ... This money was sent to us with the request that we distribute proportionate shares to the proper authority in each relocation camp excepting Tule Lake for the benefit of the children."

The letter explains that since the money reached them too late for Christmas, they received permission from Camp Savage to send the money to each center to be spent for the general good of the children of the community.

Rivers' share has been turned over to the community councils of Rivers which will decide how best to use it for the children.

GENEREROUS
THESE SAVAGE
BOYS.

(DON'T KNOW THE
DATES THAT THESE
ARTICLES APPEARED
IN THE PAPER, BUT
THEY WERE ALL
SOMETIME IN JANUARY).

THEY'RE ALL
FROM THE GILA
COURIER. HIROSHI
SHOH, A TERMINAL
ISLAND BOY, NOW AT CAMP ROBINSON,
SENDS THEM REGULARLY.

EDITORIAL • RELOCATION WITH PRIDE; • WITHOUT BITTERNESS

"We had committed no crime; it was only that Japan, our enemy, was the land of our ancestors," was the anguished cry of an American soldier, Yori Wada, when he visited his mother in an Arkansas relocation center.

For it "had struck me suddenly and without warning that she had aged, aged ten years in two. Her face was covered with countless more wrinkles, her former jet-black hair was streaked with gray, those deep brown eyes were tired and old, her body thinner. Oh mother, I wish I could have spared you this. Surely Americans could not approve of this."

Thus wrote Yori Wada in his article "Beyond the Horizon" in the CALIFORNIA MONTHLY, December, 1943, issue.

But that first night in the center, unable to sleep, as balm to his "troubled soul came Stephen Benot's Prayer"; 'God of the free, we pledge our hearts and lives today to the cause of all freed mankind'."

He left the center "with the fervent hope that these young Americans of Japanese ancestry (behind barbed wire and guards) would rekindle that faith in a democratic America and grow stronger in the face of distress. They must make the most of relocation, of coming back to their America with pride, without bitterness, without rebellion."

Wada is an American soldier. He is as American in spirit as "the vineyards and orchards, the mountains and shores, the schools and churches, the friends left behind in California." We deem it sufficient to state that he is an American, but there are those who claim that he is a Jap. Between these latter and Wada we see no kinship in spirit, we see no parallel Americanism. Wada puts to utter shame all pseudo patriots who abuse and decry the evacuees. Our hope is that they will eventually feel this shame; then and only then will they be worthy of democracy.

But evacuees must look beyond this, a limited horizon. Like Wada they must resolve "to keep faith with those courageous fair-minded Americans who have supported us in the name of American justice, fair play and freedom."

Do you know him? He's a G-2 too.
His article is REALLY GOOD. Touching,
stirring, and awakening.